

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

LUIS JIMENEZ,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

GEICO SECURE INSURANCE
COMPANY (d.b.a. "Geico" or "Geico
Insurance"),

Defendant(s).

Case #2:23-cv-01290-APG-BNW

**VERIFIED PETITION FOR
PERMISSION TO PRACTICE
IN THIS CASE ONLY BY
ATTORNEY NOT ADMITTED
TO THE BAR OF THIS COURT
AND DESIGNATION OF
LOCAL COUNSEL**

FILING FEE IS \$250.00

Preston B. Bennett
(name of petitioner)

, Petitioner, respectfully represents to the Court:

1. That Petitioner is an attorney at law and a member of the law firm of

Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton

(firm name)

with offices at 501 West Broadway, 18th Floor,

(street address)

San Diego

(city)

California

(state)

92101

(zip code)

619-338-6641

(area code + telephone number)

pbennett@sheppardmullin.com

(Email address)

2. That Petitioner has been retained personally or as a member of the law firm by

Defendant GEICO Secure Insurance Company to provide legal representation in connection with
[client(s)]

the above-entitled case now pending before this Court.

3. That since February 21, 2019, Petitioner has been and presently is a
 (date)
 member in good standing of the bar of the highest Court of the State of California
 (state)
 where Petitioner regularly practices law. Petitioner shall attach a certificate from the state bar or
 from the clerk of the supreme court or highest admitting court of each state, territory, or insular
 possession of the United States in which the applicant has been admitted to practice law certifying
 the applicant's membership therein is in good standing.

4. That Petitioner was admitted to practice before the following United States District
 Courts, United States Circuit Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court of the United States and Courts
 of other States on the dates indicated for each, and that Petitioner is presently a member in good
 standing of the bars of said Courts.

Court	Date Admitted	Bar Number
State Bar of California	February 21, 2019	325094
US Dist: C.D. California	3/19/2019	325094
US Dist: E.D. California	3/28/2019	325094
US Dist: N.D. California	3/26/2019	325094
US Dist: S.D. California	3/19/2019	325094

5. That there are or have been no disciplinary proceedings instituted against petitioner,
 nor any suspension of any license, certificate or privilege to appear before any judicial, regulatory
 or administrative body, or any resignation or termination in order to avoid disciplinary or
 disbarment proceedings, except as described in detail below:

None

6. That Petitioner has never been denied admission to the State Bar of Nevada. (Give particulars if ever denied admission):

None

7. That Petitioner is a member of good standing in the following Bar Associations.

State Bar of California
San Diego County Bar Association

8. Petitioner has filed application(s) to appear as counsel under Local Rule IA 11-2 (formerly LR IA 10-2) during the past three (3) years in the following matters: (State "none" if no applications.)

Date of Application	Cause	Title of Court Administrative Body or Arbitrator	Was Application Granted or Denied
None			

(If necessary, please attach a statement of additional applications)

9. Petitioner consents to the jurisdiction of the courts and disciplinary boards of the State of Nevada with respect to the law of this state governing the conduct of attorneys to the same extent as a member of the State Bar of Nevada.

10. Petitioner agrees to comply with the standards of professional conduct required of the members of the bar of this court.

11. Petitioner has disclosed in writing to the client that the applicant is not admitted to practice in this jurisdiction and that the client has consented to such representation.

1 That Petitioner respectfully prays that Petitioner be admitted to practice before this Court
 2 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CASE ONLY.

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 4 STATE OF California)
 5 COUNTY OF San Diego)
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[Signature]
 Petitioner's signature

7 Preston B. Bennett, Petitioner, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:
 8 That the foregoing statements are true.

[Signature]
 Petitioner's signature

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 10 Subscribed and sworn to before me this

11 18 day of October, 2023.

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 13 Amy Sunshine Patrick
 14 Notary Public or Clerk of Court



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 16 **DESIGNATION OF RESIDENT ATTORNEY ADMITTED TO**
 17 **THE BAR OF THIS COURT AND CONSENT THERETO.**

18 Pursuant to the requirements of the Local Rules of Practice for this Court, the Petitioner
 19 believes it to be in the best interests of the client(s) to designate Jonathan W. Carlson,
 20 (name of local counsel)
 21 Attorney at Law, member of the State of Nevada and previously admitted to practice before the
 22 above-entitled Court as associate resident counsel in this action. The address and email address of
 23 said designated Nevada counsel is:

24 8337 W. Sunset Road, Suite 350,
 25 (street address)
 26 Las Vegas, Nevada, 89113,
 27 (city) (state) (zip code)
 28 702-949-1100, jonathan.carlson@mccormickbarstow.com,
 (area code + telephone number) (Email address)

1 By this designation the petitioner and undersigned party(ies) agree that this designation constitutes
2 agreement and authorization for the designated resident admitted counsel to sign stipulations
3 binding on all of us.

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5 **APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED RESIDENT NEVADA COUNSEL**

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7 The undersigned party(ies) appoint(s) Jonathan W. Carlson as
8 his/her/their Designated Resident Nevada Counsel in this case.
(name of local counsel)

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10 Tammy Rima
(party's signature)

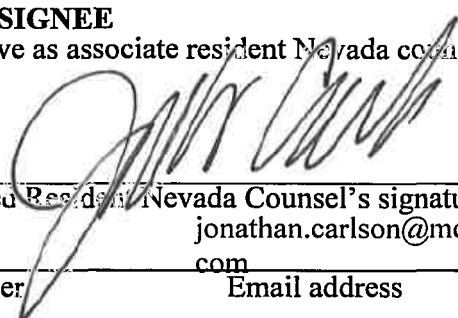
11 Tammy Rima, Litigation/Complex Claims Manager
12 (type or print party name, title)

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14 (party's signature)

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16 (type or print party name, title)

17 **CONSENT OF DESIGNEE**

18 The undersigned hereby consents to serve as associate resident Nevada counsel in this case.

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Designated Resident Nevada Counsel's signature
21 10536 jonathan.carlson@mccormickbarstow.com
22 Bar number Email address

23 APPROVED:

24 Dated: this 20th day of October, 2023.

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27 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA CERTIFICATE OF STANDING

September 25, 2023

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that according to the records of the State Bar, PRESTON BLAKE BENNETT, #325094 was admitted to the practice of law in this state by the Supreme Court of California on February 21, 2019 and has been since that date, and is at date hereof, an ACTIVE licensee of the State Bar of California; and that no recommendation for discipline for professional or other misconduct has ever been made by the Board of Trustees or a Disciplinary Board to the Supreme Court of the State of California.

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Calderon', is written over a horizontal line.

Alex Calderon
Custodian of Records

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 19th day of October, 2023, a true and correct copy of **VERIFIED PETITION FOR PERMISSION TO PRACTICE IN THIS CASE ONLY BY ATTORNEY NOT ADMITTED TO THE BAR OF THIS COURT AND DESIGNATION OF LOCAL COUNSEL** was served via the United States District Court CM/ECF system on all parties or persons requiring notice.

By /s/ Cheryl A. Schneider
Cheryl A. Schneider, an Employee of
McCORMICK, BARSTOW, SHEPPARD,
WAYTE & CARRUTH LLP